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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

If you decide to talk to General Chamberlin about his nonconcurrency on Proposed NSCID No. 8 which he admits fits the current situation but is not written for the distant future, another item for your information is that he alone of the IAC members has not replied to your memo of 26 January "Transmitting Proposed Procedures for the IAC and Its Standing Committee - Proposed DCI 1/1." We understood by telephone last week that his representative would be named for this Standing Committee, but this has not been the case.

Nevertheless, Colonel Treacy is coming over to meet with the others this morning and we are going to try and get the Proposed DCI 1/1 in shape to go around with a voting slip to the IAC members.

That, undoubtedly, will mean another delay of a few weeks before we can have an IAC meeting because General Chamberlin has taken no action on the 26 January memo, so when the final version goes around it will certainly take him longer to act on that and he will probably raise technical objections. Since the representatives of the other agencies are the same people who were working on the other directives as an ad hoc committee, we can tell General Chamberlin that this is an ad hoc group still in the saddle.

We shall try to get the Army people to speed up matters in their shop so as not to hold up too long the IAC, but the unanimity rule makes this setup almost like the Russian veto in the United Nations. All others but Army had agreed to this 26 January memo ten days or more ago.

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